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SECOND PART OF ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

Draft report

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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Restructuring and efficiency of the Secretariat

1. At its __ meeting, on 15 October 1993, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and efficiency of the Secretariat (A/48/428).

Discussion

2. Most delegations expressed the view that the report did not provide an analysis of the effects of restructuring but merely listed measures already taken and known to Member States. It was, therefore, difficult to see what was the programmatic impact of restructuring. A number of delegations felt that many points that Member States had wished to see addressed had been side-stepped. Some delegations expressed concern at the ongoing nature of the restructuring exercise and stressed the need for stability in the Secretariat. Some delegations expressed the view that in outlining the challenges facing the Organization, the issue of economic and social development had virtually been ignored. A number of delegations also felt that the report did not provide adequate information on decentralization as well as the proposed incorporation of the Office of Project Services into the Department of Development Support and Management Services.

3. A number of delegations acknowledged, however, that the time that had elapsed since the commencement of the restructuring did not permit full analysis of its impact.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee regretted that the report was more descriptive than analytical, reflecting the current state of flux in the Secretariat.
5. The Committee noted with concern that the issue of decentralization was not properly addressed and underlined the need for a prompt presentation of a report on the matter during the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly.
6. The Committee recommended that an analytical report, containing programmatic implications, in line with the request contained in General Assembly resolution 47/212 A of 6 May 1993, be prepared and submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.
